

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-Law 56-23

A By-Law to amend 94-11 – Rules and Regulations Covering the Maintenance, Construction, and Operations of the Waterworks and Wastewater system to include notification to individual property owners.

Whereas pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, Section 11(2), as amended, the City of Richmond Hill (hereafter referred to as the City) is assigned non-exclusive jurisdiction over water distribution within the City;

And Whereas the City operate and maintains a municipal waterworks and wastewater system within its municipal boundaries;

And Whereas the Council of the City deems it expedient to make certain rules and regulations the said water works and wastewater system, in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001;

And Whereas Council at its meeting of July 12, 2023 adopted the recommendation of the staff report SRCFS.23.025 pertaining to the Collection of Water Arrears from multi-residential bulk accounts.

Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The City Of Richmond Hill Enacts As Follows:

1. That By-law No. 94-11 Section 29 (5) be repealed and amended to:
 - a) If water is supplied to more than one party through a single Meter, the account for the water and wastewater supply shall be paid by the Owner(s) of the property. In the case of non-payment, the water charges may be transferred to the individual property tax roll, based on a pro-rata share for each unit that reflects the unit owner's share of the common elements and expenses, as set out in the condominium declaration. The City Treasurer or designate may exempt units, in whole or in part, from their proportionate share of Water arrears where such units are directly supplied with metered Water;
 - b) Prior to transferring, a past due notice at least fourteen (14) days following the due date be issued to property management, condo board, or condo management representatives;
 - c) If the charges remain unpaid after thirty-five (35) days subsequent to the due date, the City shall provide a notice to all individual property owners prior to the transfer;
 - d) If the charges remain unpaid after fifty-six (56) days subsequent to the due date, the City may transfer the arrears to individual property owners and charge an administration fee on the bulk account as specified in the Tariff of Fees By-Law.

Passed this 12 day of July, 2023.

David West
Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk